

My Worst Enemy

I. Self Can Be Our Worst Enemy

- Ezk.2:4; 3:7, 'they will not listen'
- Lk.14:28-30, self-appraisal
 - 13:4, one tower fell and killed 18
- Lk.14:31-32, self-answer
- Lk.14:33, self-action

- Ezk.13:...19, God's people listened to lies
 - 1 Chr.21:1, it can happen to the best
 - Mt.16:23-24, even Peter
 - Lord's friend was his worst foe when he would discourage Him from His life's work
 - 23, get behind Me Satan (4:10)
 - 24, disciples...come after me (23)

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Our Eternity

Take heed to yourself

Dt.4:9

- Moses' last discourse to His people
- Some were forgetful hearers, or negligent to pass it on to their children
- Summary of Deuteronomy: keep an eye on yourself

Some sin against themselves

Hab.2:10, You give shameful counsel to your house, Cutting off many peoples, And sin against your soul.

Prov.8:36, But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death.

Come to yourself

1 Kings 8:47, versions

- NASB: if they take thought...
- ESV: yet if they turn their heart...
- NRSV: yet if they come to their senses...
- NIV: and if they have a change of heart.
- NKJV: when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive...

Come to yourself

Lk.15:...17, came to himself

- Commonly applied to one who has been deranged
- When he recovers . . . we say he has “come to himself”

Proper attitude toward self

Ro.12:3, sober thinking

- Most judge people according to rank, money, power, influence...

2 Co.3:5, sound examination (1 Co.9:27)

- Candidly
- Consistently

Gal.6:1, consider self (3, 7-8)

Ja.1:22-25, profit from your hearing

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III. Self May Be
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1 Co.9:25, control self

What some will do for a perishable crown

1 Co.9:27 – But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified

2 Co.7:1, **cleanse** yourself

- 2 Co.6:14-17
- What are we willing to give up...?

1 Tim.4:16, **save** yourself

- Ac.3:5, beggar gave Peter and John “his attention” [Dt.2:4]
- So what?
 1. Many play blame game.
 2. If you want to see the person responsible for your worst problems... [Ac.2:40]
 3. “In spite of really intense competition for the job, I’m still my own worst enemy”
- Gal.4:16

